

Remarks

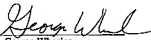
This paper responds to the first Office action in the above-entitled application, mailed February 26, 2004, and allowing three months for a response. This response is timely because it is being filed within the period set for response.

The Office action rejected claim 2 and allowed claims 1 and 3-14. The applicants have cancelled claim 2, without prejudice, so the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to prepare a Notice of Allowability allowing all the pending claims (1 and 3-14).

Respectfully submitted,

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